

Our resident historian, G. K. BUTTERFIELD, who served on the Energy and Commerce Committee, worked as a civil rights lawyer, a trial judge, a superior court judge, and served in the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Retired teacher and distinguished professor, DAVID PRICE, led numerous congressional missions abroad during his three decades on the Hill, and he has been influential in his committee work on the Appropriations Committee.

Both have been personal mentors and friends to me, and impactful advisers who I will truly miss.

I thank Congressman PRICE and Congressman BUTTERFIELD for their friendship and for their service. I wish them and their families Godspeed as they retire and take on the next chapter in their lives.

God bless you. Please know that our Nation is much better off, and you have certainly made it much better than you found it. God bless you.

HONORING MAYOR JACKIE CRABTREE ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WOMACK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of a pillar of the Third District of Arkansas, lifelong Arkansan, and exemplary public servant, Mayor Jackie Crabtree of Pea Ridge.

As a former mayor myself, I have high standards for those in this position. I can say with certainty, Jackie has been a very distinguished leader. Few can remember a time in Pea Ridge when Jackie wasn't the mayor.

To love, to serve, and to promote Pea Ridge have been the pillars of his service. There is no growth project or improvement of consequence that has happened in the last quarter century that doesn't have the fingerprints of Jackie Crabtree all of over them.

From new sidewalks, parks, sewer infrastructure, to city buildings, walking trails, water lines, his vision has transformed the city.

He also led many firsts. He was the first full-time mayor, he brought in the first full-time fire and paramedic departments. He even started the Christmas tree lighting and decorations in downtown, to name a few. Those examples only scratch the surface of Jackie's accomplishments.

To me, there is no greater illustration of his success than the thousands of new residents who have flocked to Pea Ridge. It is a vibrant destination, one where people want to live, work, and raise their families.

I congratulate Jackie on a terrific career and life of service to his community. His hard work has been instrumental in building a better future.

While I know his high school sweetheart and wife, Freida, son, Eric, and granddaughters will enjoy the extra

time he will have for them, know that his leadership will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, I welcome my friend to the former mayor's club. Congratulations, Jackie.

HONORING SHERIFF TIM HELDER ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a trusted protector of the people of Arkansas, and a man I am blessed to know as a friend, Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder.

For nearly four decades, he has nobly worn the badge. His heart for service is core to his character; it could even be argued it is in his blood. That point is only further reiterated by the fact that both his father and grandfather also wore the uniform, and I know they would be proud.

It is poignant that his law enforcement career is beginning and ending at the Washington County Sheriff's Office. After starting as a dispatcher, he attended the police academy, went on to work for the Fayetteville Police Department where he climbed the ranks.

After 21 years in Fayetteville, he returned to the sheriff's office and holds the honor of being the longest serving sheriff in its history.

On a personal note, I will miss the sheriff breakfasts that he would host for the community as a time to catch up and build trust. I hope that tradition will be carried on.

When reflecting on his career, I could list his many accomplishments or accolades or the names of the men and women he has helped lead, but I want to read the creed on his challenge coin, it sums it up:

I pledge before God and my community to faithfully perform my duties with integrity, professionalism, respect and fairness. I will bring a good attitude to work and take responsibility for all of my actions. I will have the courage to do the right thing for the right reasons without exception.

More than just words. That is how Sheriff Helder has lived his life. The Third District is safer and stronger because of his service.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for his principled integrity, and I wish him a blessed retirement.

REQUESTING OPEN AND STRUCTURED DEBATE ON JUST WAR PRINCIPLES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MCNERNEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I introduced H. Res. 1009 in March of this year. This resolution states that it is the sense of the House that the House should debate five of the six commonly accepted principles of the Just War theory to declaring war or authorizing military force.

The other Just War principle is that wars should be authorized by the Nation's legitimate body, which in this case is the House of Representatives.

The reasoning behind H. Res. 1009 is as follows:

One, the U.S. House of Representatives shares the constitutional responsibility to declare war and authorize military force with the United States Senate (Article I, Section 8, Clause 11), but the House has traditionally been the body responsible to declare war or authorize military force.

Two, war and military action will always cause injuries, death, destruction, loss of property, famine, displacements, and other hardships. Because of these privations, military authorizations should only be undertaken with sufficient justification.

Three, weapons of mass destruction are possessed by a substantial and growing number of nations. These weapons may be capable of exterminating humanity.

Four, any conflict has the potential to expand beyond the original intent of the belligerent nations.

Five, the Just War theory of what constitutes the moral justification for a nation to engage in war has been developed over the past two millennia.

Six, some of the Just War principles are incorporated into the United Nations charter, but this has not prevented the many wars that have taken place since the United Nations was established. No nation in recent history has incorporated the principles of Just War theory into its own governing laws or traditions.

Seven, in the United States, an open and transparent debate of the Just War principles would give lawmakers in the United States House of Representatives a structured framework to examine if a call to conflict would be morally justified and may prevent our Nation from entering conflicts that may be harmful to our Nation's interests.

Eight, it is possible that debating the Just War principles in the U.S. House of Representatives before authorizing military force would have kept the United States out of military conflicts in the past that have been harmful to our Nation's interests.

Nine, H. Res. 1009 does not require the U.S. House of Representatives to debate the Just War principles, but essentially recommends that it does so.

Ten, H. Res. 1009 does not limit executive authority, but it does help to ensure that the executive does not overreach.

Eleven, after discussions and inputs from Just War scholars, some improvements to H. Res. 1009 have been noted.

My intention with H. Res. 1009 is to introduce the idea of having an open and structured debate in the House of Representatives on the most serious and grave responsibility of our government, that of declaring war.

In our Nation's history, declarations of war have been done at the request of the President. Having an open and structured debate will lessen the opportunity for misuse of our Nation's military but should not impede our Nation's ability to react to defend our country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the House of Representatives to adopt this concept in the upcoming 118th Congress of debating the Just War principles before authorizing military action and expect that adopting such a resolution will inspire other nations to do the same, thereby reducing the likelihood of future unjustified wars.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE LATE 24TH DISTRICT VIRGINIA DELEGATE RONNIE CAMPBELL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sorrow to honor the life and memory of the late Virginia delegate, Ronnie Campbell, who passed away following a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Ronnie cared deeply for his community and for the Commonwealth and devoted his life to serving others. He served in the Virginia House of Delegates, and proudly represented all of the residents of the 24th District.

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He made a career in law enforcement, first as a State trooper with the Virginia State Police in Northern Virginia and then as a contractor, which gave him insight into the impact that government regulations have on small businesses.

Ronnie was driven to serve both his Rockbridge community and his home county of Augusta. He represented constituents as a member of the Rockbridge County School Board and as a member of the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors.

Ronnie spent countless hours dedicated to public service, and he will always be remembered as a stalwart conservative voice and strong leader. Above all, he was a loyal friend and neighbor to all.

Our hearts and prayers are with Ronnie's wife, Ellen, and his five children during this difficult time. May Ronnie's memory be eternal.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GRANT WAHL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COSTA). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington (Mr. KILMER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, most people knew Grant Wahl as a leading soccer journalist. I knew him as a classmate and as someone I admired.

Sadly, we lost Grant this past weekend, and I join the many people here in America and around the world who are celebrating his life.

Grant and I went to college together. Before he covered soccer for worldwide news organizations, he was the sports-writer for our school paper.

As an undergrad, Grant visited South America and fell in love with soccer. While he was there, he watched clubs

train, watched games, and developed the passion of a convert.

By 1998, he was covering the World Cup for Sports Illustrated. How cool is that?

His love of soccer was infectious. He made others appreciate this sport because he did. In one commemoration of Grant, Christian Stone wrote: "Wahl became the definitive chronicler of the sport in North America, a world traveler who applied rigor, depth, and passion, without being pedantic or precious, to his coverage. He visited six of the seven continents several times over, introduced the world to a generation of U.S. woman rock stars . . . , coaxed private audiences out of some of the planet's most reclusive stars . . . , and led a life of globetrotting freedom, adventure, and pleasure that was Bourdain-like."

But Grant's greatest passion was not the sport he loved. It was the woman he loved, Celine, who he met at Princeton and married in 2001. Celine is an extraordinary doctor in her own right, an infectious disease expert who so many have looked to throughout the COVID pandemic.

In Celine, Grant found a spouse who matched him as someone at the top of their field in a career dedicated to improving the world.

Grant was accomplished and yet humble. He was driven and yet kind. He was a champion for social justice. He was a strong advocate for pay equity for women players.

On November 21, when World Cup security detained Grant for wearing a shirt with a pro-LGBTQ+ equality message, people saw Grant's name in news headlines everywhere.

Grant's refusal to change his shirt offered a glimpse of the integrity he displayed throughout his life, both in journalism and toward those that he loved.

Many of us were fans of Grant when he worked for Sports Illustrated, when he published books, when he developed amazing podcasts. We marveled at his documentary, "Exploring Planet Futbol," where he traveled the world exploring the glory of the sport he loved.

I admit, over the last few days, I have spent time diving into the Sports Illustrated vault, listening to his podcast. Like many of his classmates, colleagues, and friends, I have come away with a feeling of just being proud of him.

But Grant wasn't just an extraordinary journalist. He was an extraordinary person. He was a good and generous and kind man. He had a phenomenal smile that made people feel welcome in his presence.

Going forward, when I watch soccer, when I read amazing sportswriting, when I see someone show courage or kindness, I will think of Grant Wahl.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in offering sincere condolences to Celine, to all of his loved ones, and to all who cared for him.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF DR. KASHYAP PATEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedicated service and enlightened research of Dr. Kashyap Patel, the chief executive officer of Carolina Blood and Cancer Care Associates.

Dr. Patel was born and grew up in Gujarat state, India, where his father taught him about the great activist Mahatma Gandhi. During this time, he learned life's guiding principles: You walk with people. You don't walk over them; you don't talk over them. Be a voice for the voiceless, marginalized, and underprivileged citizens.

In 1996, Dr. Patel immigrated to the United States from the United Kingdom on an EB-1 as an individual of extraordinary ability due to his achievements in cancer research. He became a naturalized citizen in 2002.

Upon moving to the United States, he completed his residency at Jamaica Hospital in Queens, New York, primarily serving a low-income minority population.

As the CEO of Carolina Blood and Cancer Care Associates, a practice with eight providers, Dr. Patel and his colleagues have never turned away any patients with cancer in more than two decades, irrespective of ability to pay.

This is all due to his 501(c)(3) foundation, No One Left Alone, or NOLA, which supports uninsured cancer patients. All proceeds from his book, "Between Life and Death," also go to the NOLA Foundation.

Dr. Patel has an encouraging and loving family. His wife, Alpa, his son, Maharshi, and his daughter-in-law, Hirangi, support him in walking his path of placing others above himself.

In 2022, Dr. Patel was recognized for his work in "The ASCO Post Narratives in Oncology," an annual special issue commemorating oncology leaders from across the world. He is the first community oncologist to receive this distinction.

Just a few of his other awards and outstanding achievements include: president of the Community Oncology Alliance; Living the Mission Award NCODA 2021; Lifetime Achievement Award, SCOS, for contributions to cancer; 2022 nominee of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor; associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at VCOM in Spartanburg, South Carolina; medical director of the Internal Oncology Network for diversity, equity, and inclusivity; and associate editor in chief at AJMC's "Evidence-Based Oncology."

Dr. Kashyap Patel has truly set the gold standard for decades of dedicated service and commitment to his patients and to the community, for which he will long be remembered. For that, we all join in saying a big thank-you.

In the words of Winston Churchill, there is a time when doing your best is